

International Film Star to Judge English Language Contest in Okinawa

The U.S. Consulate General Naha and the American Chamber of Commerce Okinawa's Education Committee will hold an English Language PowerPoint Presentation contest for local junior and senior high school students to help promote English and information technology in Okinawa.

The contest is open to fifteen junior high and high schools throughout Okinawa. Each school will select one student to develop a five minute PowerPoint presentation in English about Washington, D.C., Illinois, New Jersey, Washington, California, Texas, Hawaii or Guam. The presentations and judging will be held on Saturday, September 22 from 1000-1200 at the Kafuu Resort in Onna Village. Following lunch, the awards ceremony will begin at 1330.

The first place prize is two round trip tickets to Guam donated by United Airlines. The second place prize will be a third generation 64GB iPad, and the 3rd place prize will be 3rd generation 32GB iPad, both of which will be donated by the U.S. Consulate General Naha.

One of judges for the event will be Shin Koyamada, a Hollywood actor who appeared in films such as "The Last Samurai" with Tom Cruise. Additionally, the judges will include representatives from the U.S. Consulate Naha, the American Chamber of Commerce in Okinawa, the Okinawa Prefectural Government, Kafuu Resort, and United Airlines.

Shin Koyamada will be visiting Okinawa to promote the SKF Foundation. The SKF Foundation raised funds for the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami victims. The foundation also promotes study abroad and cross cultural exchange programs in the United States.

For further information about the contest, please contact Aya Haemori at the U.S. Consulate Naha (tel: 098-876-6635).



Hollywood Actor, Shin Koyamada (scene from "The Last Samurai")

